

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1
INCIDENT NO. 2003-002
DATE: February 7, 2003 Time 4:30 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. **NATURE OF DISASTER:** **Homeland Security** – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security raised the Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS) from an Elevated condition (Yellow) to a High condition (Orange) effective immediately. Although no specific threats have been identified, several intelligence agencies reported concerns for 'soft' targets (i.e. restaurants, hotels) and general areas including energy, transportation, financial institutions and symbolic targets at all levels of government, and the private sector, nationwide.
2. **DEATHS AND INJURIES:** No deaths or injuries have been reported in North Dakota.
3. **DAMAGES:** No damages have been reported in North Dakota.
4. **RESOURCES:**

LOCAL: Local agencies on heightened alert include law enforcement, fire departments, city and county offices, human services, public works departments, communications centers, emergency management offices, public health, and emergency medical services.

STATE: State agencies have initiated increased security measures and have opened dialogue with appropriate private, local, and tribal partners.

FEDERAL: Federal agencies involved with increased security efforts in North Dakota include the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Health and Human Services (HHS).

5. **VOLUNTEER ACTION:** The American Red Cross (ARC) has established recommended actions for each of the alert levels within HSAS. Individuals, families, school personnel, and business people may obtain this information at the ARC website: <http://www.redcross.org>. Individuals may also obtain this information by calling their local American Red Cross chapter.
6. **MAJOR ACTIONS:**

The State Homeland Security Coordinator informed Governor John Hoeven today that in accordance with the increase in HSAS from Elevated to High, all North Dakota functional and task coordinators within the State Emergency Operations Plan have been contacted and all state agencies stand on heightened alert. In addition, all local and tribal county emergency managers were asked to notify critical infrastructure personnel in both the public and private sector of the change.

N.D. State Radio provided information to all law enforcement personnel regarding the threat level change.

Statewide, law enforcement agencies also received information through the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System.

The N.D. Department of Health, through its Health Alert Network System, informed health care providers working in hospitals, clinics, public health units, as well as fire department and emergency medical service personnel, of the newly established threat level. Specific website links regarding chemical and radiological information were also provided.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No assistance has been requested.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No assistance has been requested.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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